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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the expansion of a behavioral health facility in Bristol, Virginia in fiscal year 2023.

Sponsoring this project is nonprofit health system Ballad Health, headquartered at 303 Med Tech Pkwy, Johnson City, TN 37604. Funds would be utilized at Ballad's Ridgeview Pavilion Behavioral Health Hospital, located at 103 North St, Bristol, VA 24201.

Funding would be used to convert existing space – one small wing and several patient rooms – into a secure, high-risk behavioral health unit known as a “high acuity unit.” It is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because the need for high acuity patient services in rural Southwest Virginia far exceeds availability. These services are currently only available at State Mental Health Hospitals, which are unable to keep up with demand.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

H. Morgan Griffith  
Member of Congress